# **Board of Legal Document Preparers**

Arizona State Courts Building 1501 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007

> November 24, 2014 Time: 10:00 a.m. Hearing Room 109

# **Approved Regular Meeting Minutes**

#### **MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

Present:Telephonically Present:Absent:Mary CarltonJerry ThomasCheri ClarkPaul FriedmanBonnie MathesonBecky NilsenMary Jo RandallPamela Milburn

Deborah Colon-Mateo

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES**

AOC Staff: Guests:

Mark Wilson Melissa Moy
Anne Hunter Donna Trevino
Debbie MacDougall Anna Anderson
Kimberly Siddall Rae MacLean

Bill MacIntyre Wendy Reiter Hal White

Michelle Jackson

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Called to Order By: Mary Carlton, Chair

*Time:* 10:00 a.m.

#### 1) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Individuals Addressing the Board:

Mary Carlton, Chair

1-A: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding approval of the regular session minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2014.

*Motion:* Move to approve the minutes from September 24, 2014.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Deborah Colon-Mateo

Motion Results: Pass

Abstain: Bonnie Matheson

#### 2) REVIEW OF PENDING COMPLAINTS

Individuals Addressing the Board:

Debbie MacDougall

**2-A:** Review, discussion and possible action regarding the Division Director dismissal of complaint numbers 14-L023/14-L024.

Discussion: Complaint Number 14-L023/14-L024.

*Motion:* Move to affirm the Division Director dismissal.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Deborah Colon-Mateo

Motion Results: Pass

Individuals Addressing the Board:

Bill MacIntyre

**2-B:** Review, discussion and possible action regarding complaint number

13-L039, involving certificate holder Silviano Tanori.

**Discussion:** Complaint number 13-L039 - Silviano Tanori.

Motion: Move to accept the finding of the Probable Cause Evaluator and

dismiss complaint number 13-L039.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Deborah Colon-Mateo

**Motion Results:** Pass

## Individuals Addressing the Board:

Bill MacIntyre

**2-C:** Review, discussion and possible action regarding renewal of individual legal document preparer certification for Calah Thomas; and complaint number 14-L002 involving certificate holder, Calah Thomas.

**Discussion:** Complaint Number 14-L002 involving certificate holder,

Calah Thomas.

Motion: It is recommended the Board accept the finding of the Probable

Cause Evaluator and enter a finding Calah Thomas has committed the alleged act(s) of misconduct as detailed in the Investigation Summary and Allegation Analysis Report in complaint number 14-L002 and enter a finding grounds for informal disciplinary action exists pursuant to Arizona Code of Judicial Administration ("ACJA") § 7-201(H)(6)(a), (k)(3), (k)(7) for act(s) of misconduct involving violation of Rule 5 Ariz. R. Civ. Proc. and violation of

ACJA § 7-208(J)(5)(a).

It is recommended the Board issue a Letter of Concern.

It is further recommended the Board grant renewal of certification

for her individual certification.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Deborah Colon-Mateo

**Motion Results:** Pass

#### 3) INITIAL CERTIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY

#### Individuals Addressing the Board:

Wendy Reiter

- **3-A:** Review, discussion and possible action regarding the following applications for initial individual and/or business entity legal document preparer certification:
  - 1. Dynasty Legal Documents, LLC (Melissa Moy)
  - 2. Grace Elmer
  - 3. Michael Aurit
  - 4. Tammy L. Osborne

- 5. Norman Weld
- 6. Jarred Greene
- 7. Julia Navarro
- 8. Charlotte Gerdes
- 9. Marretta Mathes
- 10. K. A. Lindow, CPA, P.C. (Kenneth Lindow)
- 11. Amerimex Taxes and Immigration Services, LLC (Julia Navarro)
- 12. Rosemary Razo
- 13. Meagan McCraw
- 14. AZ Document Preparation Services, LLC (Elizabeth Clements)
- 15. Diana Portanova
- 16. Carmelita White
- 17. Daniel Pero
- 18. Peggy Collins
- 19. Amy West
- 20. Write Now Document Prep and Legal Services, LLC, (Sarah Carino)
- 21. Judith Sides
- 22. Diana Guzman De Pizzaty
- 23. Jessica Lenoch
- 24. Erika Hanson
- 25. Ortiz and Associates, LLC (Maria Ortiz)

**Discussion:** Applicants 1-11

*Motion:* Move to grant initial certification.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Deborah Colon-Mateo

Motion Results: Pass

**Discussion:** Applicant # 12 Rosemary Razo

**Motion:** Move to grant initial certification and issue letter with cautionary

language.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Deborah Colon-Mateo

*Motion Results:* Pass

**Discussion:** Applicant # 13 Megan McCraw

*Motion:* Move to grant initial certification.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Deborah Colon-Mateo

Motion Results: Pass

Discussion: Applicant #14 AZ Document Preparation Services, LLC

*Motion:* Move to grant initial certification.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Deborah Colon-Mateo

Motion Results: Pass

**Discussion:** Applicant #15 Diana Portanova

**Motion:** Move to grant initial certification and issue letter with cautionary

language.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Deborah Colon-Mateo

Motion Results: Pass

**Discussion:** Applicant #16 Carmelita White

*Motion:* Move to deny initial certification.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

Motion Results: Pass

**Discussion:** Applicant #17 Daniel Pero

*Motion:* Move to deny initial certification.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

Motion Results: Pass

**Abstain:** Jerry Thomas

**Discussion:** Applicant #18 Peggy Collins

**Motion:** Move to grant initial certification and issue letter with cautionary

language.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

Motion Results: Pass

**Discussion:** Applicant #19 Amy West

*Motion:* Move to grant initial certification.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

Motion Results: Pass

**Discussion:** Applicant #20 Write Now Document Prep and Legal Services, LLC

**Motion:** Move to grant initial certification and issue letter with cautionary

language.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Deborah Colon-Mateo

**Motion Results:** Pass

**Discussion:** Applicant #21 Judith Sides

*Motion:* Move to grant initial certification.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

**Motion Results:** Pass

**Discussion:** Applicant #22 Diana Guzman De Pizzaty

**Motion:** Move to grant initial certification and issue letter with cautionary

language.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

Motion Results: Pass

**Discussion:** Applicant #23 Jessica Lenoch

**Motion:** Move to grant initial certification and issue letter with cautionary

language.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

Motion Results: Pass

**Discussion:** Applicant #24 Erika Hanson

*Motion:* Move to grant initial certification.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

Motion Results: Pass

**Discussion:** Applicant #25 Ortiz and Associates, LLC (Maria Ortiz)

*Motion:* Move to grant initial certification.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Deborah Colon-Mateo

Motion Results: Pass

## Individuals Addressing the Board:

Kimberly Siddall

**3-B:** Review, discussion and possible action regarding the following Business Entity Exemption Requests for the 2013-2015 certification period:

- 1. Dynasty Legal Documents, LLC (Melissa Moy)
- 2. AZ Document Preparation Services, LLC (Elizabeth Clements)
- 3. K.A. Lindow, CPA, P.C. (Kenneth A. Lindow)
- 4. Write Now Document Prep and Legal Services, LLC (Sarah Carino)
- 5. Ortiz and Associates, LLC (Maria Ortiz)

**Discussion:** Dynasty Legal Documents, LLC (Melissa Moy)

*Motion:* Move to grant business entity exemption for the 2013-2015

certification period.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

*Motion Results:* Pass

**Discussion:** AZ Document Preparation Services, LLC (Elizabeth Clements)

Motion: Move to grant business entity exemption for the 2013-2015

certification period.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

Motion Results: Pass

**Discussion:** K.A. Lindow, CPA, P.C. (Kenneth A. Lindow)

Motion: Move to grant business entity exemption for the 2013-2015

certification period.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

Motion Results: Pass

**Discussion:** Write Now Document Prep and Legal Services, LLC (Sarah Carino)

Motion: Move to grant business entity exemption for the 2013-2015

certification period.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

**Motion Results:** Pass

**Discussion:** Ortiz and Associates, LLC (Maria Ortiz)

Motion: Move to grant business entity exemption for the 2013-2015

certification period.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

**Motion Results:** Pass

**3-C:** Interview, discussion and possible action regarding the individual

application for Donna Trevino.

**Discussion:** Donna Trevino is present and interviewed by the Board.

Motion: Move to grant initial certification and issue letter with cautionary

language.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second

Deborah Colon-Mateo

*Motion Results:* Pass

## 4) RENEWAL CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS

## Individuals Addressing the Board:

Kimberly Siddall

**4-A:** Interview, review and possible action regarding the following pending applications for renewal of certification and continuing education compliance:

1. Janet Summers

2. Richard Rochford

**Discussion:** Janet Summers

*Motion:* Move to defer until the January 2015 meeting.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

Motion Results: Pass

**Discussion:** Richard Rochford

*Motion:* Move to grant renewal of certification.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

Motion Results: Pass

**4-B:** Interview, review, discussion, and possible action regarding the

pending renewal application for Rae MacLean and Arizona

Document Services, LLC.

**Discussion:** Rae MacLean and Arizona Document Services, LLC

**Motion:** Move to enter into a consent agreement regarding her certification,

issue letter with cautionary language, assess a \$50.00 late fee and

conduct an annual CEU audit for the next two years.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

Motion Results: Pass

**4-C:** Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the following pending applications for renewal of certification:

1. Tannya Gaxiola and Sin Abogados, Inc.

**Discussion:** Tannya Gaxiola and Sin Abogados, Inc.

*Motion:* Move to grant renewal of certification.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

Motion Results: Pass

#### 5) CERTIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Individuals Addressing the Board:

Kimberly Siddall

5-A: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the voluntary

surrender of certification received from Estella A. Rea.

**Discussion:** Estella A. Rea

*Motion:* Move to allow the voluntary surrender of certification.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

Motion Results: Pass

**5-B:** Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Findings of Fact,

Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation in pending renewal

certification application for Anna Anderson.

**Discussion:** Anna Anderson is present and interviewed by the Board.

Motion: The Board is unable to reach a decision regarding renewal of

certification and move to continue until the January 2015 meeting. Ms. Anderson is advised by the Board to attend the next meeting.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second

Deborah Colon-Mateo

**Motion Results:** Pass

## 6) ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Individuals Addressing the Board:

Debbie MacDougall

6-A: Update regarding complaints processed by diversion pursuant to

Administrative Order 2012-83.

**Discussion:** There are no diversion cases to report to the Board at this time.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC** 

Mary Carlton, Chair

Anna Anderson

ADJOURNMENT Mary Carlton, Chair

*Motion:* Move to adjourn.

Motion Proposals: First Paul Friedman

Second Mary Carlton

Motion Results: Pass

*Time:* 10:58 a.m.